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(C) Poloff delivered points from reftel to Andrej Dogan, Head of the Department for International Security at the Dogan expressed agreement with the conclusions of the U.S. strategic review regarding Afghanistan and Pakistan. He noted that Croatia had just deployed an additional Operational Mentoring and Liaison Team (OMLT) in March and would soon deploy a third OMLT. Regarding the establishment of a NATO training mission in Afghanistan for para-military and police operations, Dogan said that the GoC was in the planning stage of considering having Croatian military police (MP) participate in training in Afghanistan. (Note: According to the FA there are approximately 50 Croatian MPs currently serving in Kabul. End Note.) The GoC would also contribute USD 50,000 for the Afghan election support fund. Dogan concluded by praising the USG for its openness with allies while conducting its strategic review. BRADTKE